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Stamas announces grant increase for city of Grayling

Lansing- State Sen. Tony Stamas (R-Midland) today announced that the city of Grayling will receive an increase of \$23,440 on a prior Community Development Block Grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Earlier, Grayling received a \$106,560 grant to finance road, water and sewer improvements to serve the expansion needs of Derwich Industries, Inc. The recent increase from the MEDC brings the grant total to \$130,000.

The company's share is \$700,000, while the local contribution is \$107,600. The project is expected to create 13 new jobs. Currently, Derwich employs nine people.

"This grant will not only maintain current jobs in Crawford County, but it will also help Derwich Industries expand and create more job opportunities for our residents," Stamas said. "This is a great opportunity for our community. I'm glad the MEDC decided to help fund this project."

Derwich Industries, Inc. manufactures plastic parts such as roof racks and gaskets for the automotive industry. In addition, the company produces irrigation parts, filters and cane tips. With expansion, the business will be able to fill larger orders and engage in more assembly work.

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